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1 A Joint Resolution relating to the placement of a statue in the
2 United States capitol honoring Dr. Norman Borlaug.

3 WHEREAS, each state may provide two statues of notable
4 citizens for display in the United States capitol, and may
5 replace the statues if a resolution to do so is approved by a
6 state's legislature and governor; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Borlaug, is a native son of Iowa who
8 conducted groundbreaking work in breeding varieties of wheat to
9 feed starving populations across the globe, earning the title
10 of father of the "green revolution"; and

11 WHEREAS, in honor of his service to humanity, Dr. Borlaug
12 also received a Nobel peace prize, a presidential medal of
13 freedom, and the congressional gold medal; NOW THEREFORE,
14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION. The state of Iowa
2 authorizes the replacement of the statue of Samuel Kirkwood
3 with a statue honoring Dr. Norman Borlaug.

4 Sec. 2. COMMITTEE CREATED. A committee of seven is created,
5 to be appointed by the governor and to serve at the pleasure
6 of the governor, to exchange the statue of Samuel Kirkwood
7 currently on display in the United States capitol with a statue
8 of Dr. Norman Borlaug.

9 a. The committee shall annually select its own chairperson
10 and establish its rules of procedure. The committee shall meet
11 as may be deemed necessary by the chairperson. A majority of
12 the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

13 b. Members shall serve without compensation or
14 reimbursement for actual expenses.

15 c. The committee shall raise all of the funds necessary for
16 the operation of the committee; and shall solicit donations to
17 exchange the statue, commission the creation of a new statue,
18 and make all arrangements with the architect of the United
19 States capitol necessary for the new statue to be put into
20 place.

21 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The department of cultural
22 affairs shall provide all necessary administrative support for
23 the committee and shall administer the capitol statuary fund.

24 Sec. 4. CAPITOL STATUARY FUND. A capitol statuary fund
25 is created in the state treasury, to be administered by the
26 department of cultural affairs. The proceeds of the fund
27 shall be used for the purposes specified in section 2 of this
28 resolution. Any funds remaining after the exchange of statues
29 shall be used to suitably restore and relocate the Kirkwood
30 statue. The department may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and
31 other moneys, including but not limited to state or federal
32 moneys, and in-kind contributions for deposit in the fund.
33 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys
34 in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding
35 section 8.33, any unexpended or unencumbered moneys remaining

1 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to
2 the general fund of the state, but shall remain available
3 from the fund for expenditure by the department in succeeding
4 fiscal years for the purposes specified in section 2 of this
5 resolution.

6 EXPLANATION

7 Under federal law each state is allowed to place two statues
8 of its noted personages in the U.S. capitol; and a state may
9 request federal approval for the replacement of a statue.
10 The federal law requires the request to be in the form of a
11 resolution adopted by the general assembly and approved by
12 the governor. The resolution must identify the statue to be
13 replaced, name the individual to be newly commemorated, and
14 cite the individual's qualifications. The resolution must
15 create a committee to select the sculptor and direct the method
16 of obtaining the necessary funds to meet all expenses.

17 This joint resolution provides for the exchange of the
18 statue of Samuel Kirkwood with a statue of Dr. Norman Borlaug.

19 The joint resolution creates a seven-member committee
20 to raise, through donations, all funds necessary to make
21 this exchange. The committee members will not receive any
22 compensation or reimbursement. Staff support is to be provided
23 by the department of cultural affairs.

24 The joint resolution creates a capitol statuary fund in the
25 state treasury, administered by the department of cultural
26 affairs. The fund will finance committee operations, and the
27 exchange of statuary and the relocation of the Kirkwood statue.

28 Samuel Jordan Kirkwood was Iowa's civil war governor,
29 also serving in the U.S. senate and as the U.S. secretary of
30 the interior in 1881-1882. Geneticist Dr. Norman E. Borlaug
31 developed strains of high-yield wheat and received the Nobel
32 peace prize as father of the "green revolution".